

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 7, 9 – 17, 20, and 21 are in the application. Claims 1, 20, and 21 are currently amended; claims 2 – 7 and 9 – 17 were previously presented; and claims 8, 18, and 19 have been canceled. Claims 1, 20, and 21 are the independent claims herein. No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 1 - 7, 9 – 17, 20, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Diacakis et al. U.S. Publication No. 2002/0116336, hereinafter "Diacakis". This rejection is traversed.

Regarding the rejection of claim 1, Applicant notes that claim 1 relates to a method that includes interfacing an identity oriented context application that represents a context of an identity based on an availability of the identity with a device oriented context application that determines an availability of a device associated with the identity; receiving a request to make a change to a new identity oriented context for an identity, wherein said new identity oriented context is associated with said identity and provides an availability status of said identity; mapping said new identity oriented context from said identity oriented application to a device oriented context from said device oriented application for a specific device associated with said identity, wherein said device oriented context provides an availability status of the specific device; and providing data indicative of said mapped device oriented context to a the device context oriented application.

Clearly, Applicant claims interfacing (1) an identity oriented context application with (2) a device oriented context application that determines on an availability of a device associated with the identity. That is, both an identity oriented context application is claimed and a device oriented context application is claimed. Applicant further claims

mapping the new identity oriented context to a device oriented context for a specific device associated with the identity, wherein the device oriented context provides an availability status of the specific device.

Applicant respectfully notes that claims 20 (reciting an article of manufacture) and claim 21 (reciting an apparatus) are worded similar to claim 1 regarding the claimed device oriented context application and mapping the identity oriented context to the device oriented context.

Applicant respectfully submits that the cited and relied upon Diacakis does not disclose or suggest, at least, the claimed device oriented context application that determines an availability of a device associated with the identity, and mapping the identity oriented context to the device oriented context.

Applicant notes that the Office Action states "presence engine [18 is] interpreted as device oriented context system since it determines user's presence on particular devices" as page 3 of the Office Action. As such, it appears that the Office admits that the Diacakis discloses a system that "determines user's presence on particular devices". This is in contrast to the claimed device oriented context application that determines an availability of a device. That is, Applicant's claimed method includes deterring the availability of a device whereas the alleged device oriented context application of Diacakis specifically discloses "determines user's presence".

Clearly, Diacakis does not disclose the claimed device oriented context application that determines an availability of a device. Therefore, it logically follows that the Diacakis fails to disclose the claimed aspect of mapping the new identity oriented context to a device oriented context for a specific device associated with the identity, wherein the device oriented context provides an availability status of the specific device.

Applicant further submits that it is clear that the claimed method of claim 1 includes both an identity oriented context application is claimed and a device oriented context application. Applicant submits that it is not seen where Diacakis discloses these two distinct applications.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 20, and 21 are not anticipated by Diacakis. Applicant further submits that claims 2 – 7 and 9 – 17 are patentable over Diacakis for depending from an allowable base claim.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1– 7, 9 – 17, 20, and 21 under 35 USC 102.

C O N C L U S I O N

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-5985.

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